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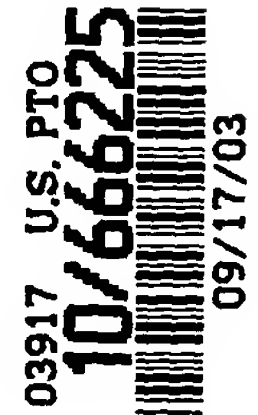
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Presented for filing is a new Continuation patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of:

Applicants: **Se-Jin Lee and Aurora F. Esquela**

Title: **GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-12**

The prior application is assigned of record to **THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on April 28, 1997, at Reel 8540, Frame 0158.

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	45
Pages of Claims	4
Pages of Abstract	1
Pages of Declaration (from Parent)	2
Sheets of Drawing	3

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This request includes Three (3) sheets and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
 - Form PTO-1449 (filed in parent application) (1 page);
 - Form PTO-892 (filed in parent application) (1 page);
- Request for Transfer of Computer Readable Form (2 pages);
- Sequence Listing (12 pages);
- Check No. 544438 in the amount of \$750.00; and
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Under 35 USC § 120, this application is a **continuation** application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/361,655 filed July 27, 1999, now pending; which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/765,662 filed April 28, 1997, now issued as U.S. patent 5,929,213; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/274,215 filed July 13, 1994, now issued as U.S. patent 5,831,054. Under 35 USC § 120, priority is also claimed to PCT Application No. US95/08745 filed July 12, 1995; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/274,215 filed July 13, 1994, now issued as U.S. patent 5,831,054. The disclosure of each of the prior applications is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Applicants claim **LARGE ENTITY** status in the above-identified application.

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